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1. [REDACTED]

2. Swinemunde to Stettin. The ship was boarded by a canal pilot at 0135 local time [REDACTED] at the buoy marked "Swinoujscie". [REDACTED] proceeded up the Oder River to Stettin, Poland. While passing Swinemunde [REDACTED] six motor torpedo boats moored in a nest. [REDACTED] remember observing any other naval craft or activity.

Grounding. [REDACTED] vessel was in the channel bound for Stettin, in approximate position 53°43.3'N, 14°27.2'E she ran aground in soft mud on the starboard side of the channel. Fog seemed to be the main cause of grounding. She grounded at 0745 [REDACTED] the ship's engines from that time until 0943 when she managed to free herself without damage.

Arrival at Stettin. [REDACTED] Stettin at 1125 and berthed at the pier in approximate position 53°25' 41"N, 14°36'08"E. The arrival search of the vessel was conducted here before [REDACTED] discharging.

3. Stettin. While berthed at Stettin [REDACTED] several buildings which were being used as state granaries. The buildings were greatly in need of attention and repair. The eaves had become cluttered until they no longer carried out their purpose and water was seeping into the buildings thereby damaging the grain. The attitude of the local people toward such destruction seemed to be "Of course we don't worry about that; it is state property".

4. Discharging. Due to a shortage of labor only two cranes were used for discharging during daylight working hours and one at night. Discharging was completed at 1515 [REDACTED] 54. On completion of discharging, the departure search was begun. It continued until 1910 when the vessel left the pier. Upon clearing Swinemunde the pilot departed.

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5. Gliders Observed. During the period of discharge at Stettin [redacted] two airborne gliders of a nature similar to (US) sportsman type.

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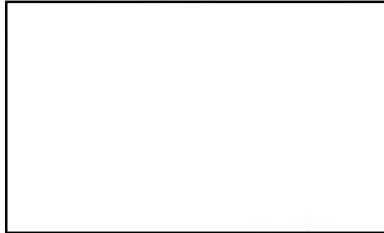
Places and areas in this report covered by US Naval Hydrographic Office

Charts:

HO 4873 (Nord-Perd to Swinemunde)
HO 4986 (Baltic Sea, Eastern Part)
HO 4925 (Swinemunde to Stettin)

All charts are available on loan to all [redacted]

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